



State of Vermont
Vermont Department of Education
120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

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Dear Vermont Homeschoolers:

We are writing to inform you of the Vermont Department of Education's interpretation of 16 V.S.A. § 166b(k), which states that, "A Vermont home study program which has successfully completed the last two consecutive **school years** of home study with any enrolled child, provided those two years fall within the most recent five years, shall not thereafter be required to submit an annual detailed outline or narrative describing the content of the minimum course of study. For the purposes of this subsection, successful completion of a home study program shall mean that, in each of the two consecutive years, the program has not been disallowed by a hearing officer, the previously enrolled student made age and ability appropriate progress, and the home study program has otherwise complied with the requirements of this section."

Therefore, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, in order for homeschoolers to be able to qualify for the "minimum course of study exemption," the home study enrollment notice must be received by the DOE on or before Labor Day, and the home study program may not have been withdrawn during the school year, for this to be considered a school year.

A family which once qualified for the minimum course of study exemption, but then submits an untimely enrollment notice, will lose the minimum course of study exemption, as it is not in compliance with the statute. The home study program will then be required to submit a minimum course of study for each child until it establishes a history of two successful and timely consecutive **school years**. See 16 V.S.A. § 166b(k) (definition of "successful").

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns about your particular situation.

Sincerely,

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